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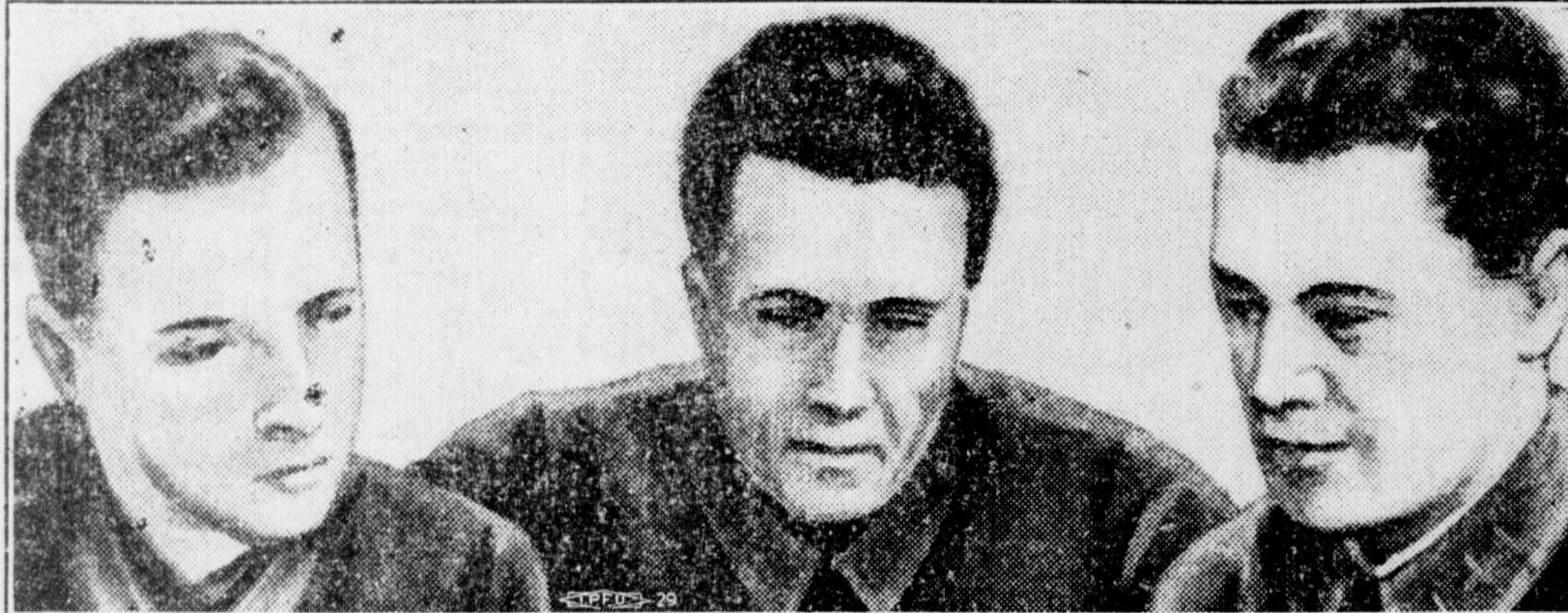
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China Ready to Fight

Cleanse the Cesspool Of Corruption!

(AN EDITORIAL)

The lengthy investigation of graft and corruption in San Francisco, brought to light by the Atherton report, is at an end, and the people of San Francisco must begin to draw some conclusions, and above all act upon them. The most drastic charges of Mr. Atherton, involving the whole Rossi administration, have been more than proved, yet the Grand Jury report disgracefully sidesteps the placing of responsibility where it belongs, on Mayor Rossi and his whole administration, as well as all the powerful economic interests and the political machine backing him.

Mr. Atherton has declared correctly that the Grand Jury report is a "whitewash"; even the comparatively mild and timid minority report was rejected by the Grand Jury because it points the finger of blame at Mayor Rossi and Police Chief Quinn. It should be obvious by now that no one in the city administration, the district attorney's office, or the state administration is going to strike at the real criminals who are responsible for the "fountainhead of corruption." All are interested in covering up and protecting them, by going through the motions of "punishing" with a gentle hand, the "small fry."

There is only one force that can cleanse the Augean stables of our municipal administration, and that is the PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO, and first and foremost the labor movement. Organized labor has not played the role it should in this investigation. There are old-time reactionary labor officials, tied by a thousand threads with the Rossi administration and its political machine, who have "delivered the vote" to Ralph and Rossi for many years, who are deliberately remaining silent because they are trying to protect their pal Rossi. But organized labor and its progressive allies among the people of San Francisco cannot remain silent any longer, particularly in the face of the coming elections for a number of members of the Board of Supervisors in the fall.

The labor and progressive forces of San Francisco must now proceed to build a powerful coalition to drive the grafters and their pals out of office, and elect representatives of the people to run the city administration. Only a people's ticket put forward by the labor-progressive forces can guarantee a clean government, Rossi and his pals must go!

Henderson Heads Field, Canner Intl.

CHINA'S 'JOAN' SPEAKS IN L. A.

Yorty, Cline, CIO Leader at July 18 Meet for Spain

DENVER, Colo.—Donald Henderson has been unanimously elected president of the new United Canning, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America. International headquarters will be in Washington.

The United union is the international formed at the national conference last weekend here. The international, momentarily expects its charter from the CIO.

Henderson was chairman at the convention. He headed the National Committee of Agricultural and Cannery Unions, formed when the AFL executive council refused to grant an international charter to these unions.

On the executive council of 19, the Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Western Canada, Alaska district is represented by Alfred Fajardo, Jack Moore and Harry Olsen.

The California, Nevada, Arizona district is represented by Lloyd Lehman, George Woolf, C. D. Mensales, Alfred Booier and Jack Cope.

Warn of New London
Tragedy Repetition
In Wilmington, Cal.

WILMINGTON (Los Angeles County)—Grave warning of a possible recurrence of the New London, Texas tragedy, in which hundreds of school children were blown to bits, have been sounded here.

E. T. Tennet, at public hearings of the city council, urged against allowing extension of oil drilling into the heart of the residential area.

The city planning commission has already granted permits to drill oil 200 feet from schools.

Standard Oil is secretly trying to take over an entire city block.

The Association of Steel Employees, company union which tried to lead a "back to work" movement in Youngstown Sheet and Tube, is one of the organizations receiving an AFL charter, AFL officials said.

RED ARMY ON MARCH; WILL JOIN DEFENSE

Chinese Communists Call for Unity And Action

SHANGHAI — Mao Tse-tung and Chu Teh, Chinese Communist Party and Red Army leaders, proposed to General Chiang Kai-Shek the formation of a unified national command for all Chinese military forces, including the Chinese Red Army.

PEIPING—Strengthened by a national unity of unprecedented proportions, China prepared for showdown struggle with Japan. As the Japanese Quantung Army momentarily lessened its offensive in and around Peiping while bringing thousands of additional troops up from the rear, Chinese authorities in Nanking declared:

"Nanking cannot and will not remain idle to see another slice of Chinese territory fall into alien hands without a struggle."

Marching to take its place in the front ranks of the defenders of the Chinese nation against the imperialist invader was the most formidable fighting force in China—the Chinese Red Army. Opposition to according the Red Army a place in China's national life, still maintained by certain elements in the Kuomintang and central government, faded further in the background in the face of the newest Japanese encroachment.

The Communist Party of China, only recognized political party aside from the Kuomintang or government party, issued three central demands representing the most general and pressing needs of the Chinese people.

C. P. Demands

They were:

1. That General Sung Cheh-yuan, Chinese administrator of the Peiping Tientsin area, use all the troops under his command to fight the Japanese.

2. That the Nanking government reinforce General Sung's troops.

3. That the Chinese government take drastic steps against

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Green Charters a Co. Union, Tries to Break Steel Strike

CHICAGO — While vigilantes in the Johnstown area formed a "national" organization "for protection of workers" (read scabs) Thursday, William Green took a not unrelated step against the steel strike in this area, announcing the formation of the "American Federation of Steel Workers."

Chairman of the meeting will be George "Bob" Roberts, chairman of the Los Angeles CIO council.

Also on the program will be the newly-filmed motion picture, "Attack on Madrid," showing actual fighting scenes of the nearly year-old siege of the Spanish capital.

All proceeds from the meeting will go toward the establishment of a home for Basque children orphaned by the bombs and bullets of the fascist invaders.

The Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and other liberal and labor groups are cooperating with the American League.

Party Conference Decides to Launch A Daily 'Western'

Endorses Report of Central Committee
Plenum of CPUSA; Daily by Jan. 1

TO THE PRESS BUILDERS' CONGRESS, LOS ANGELES:

The California State Committee of the Communist Party sends warmest comrades greetings to the sterling delegates to the Press Builders' Congress who, by their devoted efforts, have furnished leadership to the more than successful Western Worker Circulation Drive. We know you will be the backbone in the coming drive to make the Western Worker a daily People's Champion of Liberty, Progress and Peace, by Jan. 1.

Comradely yours,

STATE COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY,
ANITA WHITNEY, Chairman;
WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary.

A DAILY WESTERN WORKER by January 1st! That was the unanimous and enthusiastic decision of a California state conference of 133 Party leaders, meeting with the State Committee of the Communist Party on Sunday, July 11th. Spurred by the successful conclusion of the Western Worker Sub Drive, the conference instructed the State Committee to formulate plans for the launching of an intensive drive on Labor Day to January 1st, to make possible to transform the Western Worker into a daily paper for the West Coast and the entire Far West, a powerful voice and weapon of the labor and progressive forces, and the Western counterpart of the Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party, U. S. A. The conference was informed that California is now the second largest district in the country, second only to New York.

The conference had as the main order of business the report of the Jun. Plenary Session of the Central Committee given by Comrade Bill Schneiderman, California State Secretary. The report dealt with four main questions: Next Steps in the Building of the American People's Front; The Trade Unions and the Fight for Labor Unity; The Struggle for Peace; Building the Party and the Party Press. (See the last issue of the Western Worker for the resolution of the Central Committee, and the July Communist for the reports of Comrades Browder and Foster.) There were also special sub-reports on the Western Worker, Party Building, Trade Union Work, and the California Political Situation.

After an excellent discussion in which forty-four speakers participated, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The State Committee and 133 active Party workers fully endorse the report of the Central Committee meeting of June 17th to 20th, and resolves:

1. To accept the proposal of the Central Committee and State Executive Committee to launch a Daily Western Worker by January 1st.

2. To make recruiting a part of the daily life of the Party, and to reach 5,000 dues-paying members by January 1st.

9. To organize a broad discussion in every unit, fraction, section, and county to thoroughly clarify the Central Committee resolution and prepare for the coming municipal elections and 1938 state elections on the basis of building the broadest possible coalition of labor and progressive forces in California."

The State Committee and representatives from all over the State honored Anita Whitney on her 70th birthday at a banquet Saturday night before the conference.

Save WPA' Rallies New Scottsboro In Calif. July 26

SAN FRANCISCO—With this city as the rallying point for hundreds of unemployed from all over the state called together by the Workers' Alliance, July 26th will be the day of the "Save WPA Rally." On the same day there will be demonstrations in Los Angeles.

Registering at the Union Recreation Center, 32 Clay street in San Francisco, lines will be formed and the unemployed will march to the employers' organizations that are ballyhooing a return to prosperity as cause for slashing government aid to the jobless. The Alliance declares it is ready to produce men able and willing to work for every job offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Norris trial was the first in a new series of retrials of the nine boys, imprisoned since 1931 on a framed-up charge of rape. Ruby Bates, textile mill worker, one of the girls to bring the original accusation against the boys, later swore that she and Victoria Price had been intimidated by the prosecution to make the false accusations.

AMERICANS IN THICK OF NEW SPAIN BATTLE

Greatest Loyalist
Offensive of War
Being Pushed

BY TED ALLAN

MADRID (By Wireless) — The greatest loyalist offensive in the history of the Spanish war, now rounding out its first year, finds American and Canadian volunteers taking a courageous part. Just as they helped defend the lifeline of Madrid—the road to Valencia—in the bitterly fought battle of Jarama a few months ago, so today they are fighting side by side with their Spanish buddies and the anti-fascists of many countries to extend loyalist holdings west of Madrid and eventually to lift the 9-month siege of the capital.

Together with other representatives of the foreign press, your correspondent has been visiting wounded Canadians and Americans in Madrid hospitals during the last few days, bringing soda water, books and papers and having animated discussions about the military and international situation.

His Wounds—"Nothing Much"

The amazing thing is that 99 per cent of the wounds are very slight and deaths very few. It (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

F.D. ASKS FINISH FIGHT ON COURT

WASHINGTON—In a scorching attack on reactionaries whom he described as taking advantage of the sudden death of Senator Democratic whip Joseph B. Robinson, President Roosevelt on Monday night called for a finish fight in the present congressional session for the court reform bill.

The President made public a letter to acting majority leader Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, pointing out that "action was an immediate necessity and that the process of a constitutional amendment was an impossibility if the objective was to be attained within a reasonable time."

Roosevelt went on to state "the objectives of the President, and I believe the great majority of our citizens, remains the same, and . . . it is the duty of the Congress and especially of members of the majority party in the Senate and House of Representatives to pass legislation on court reform bills at this session."

Four Democratic Senators—Brown, Mich.; Johnson, Colo.; Gillette, Iowa, and Andrews, Florida, who urged the President on Monday to withdraw the court reform bill, were met with a refusal.

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The Record Making Plane



Stalin Congratulates Flyers for Soviet People;

Roosevelt Hails Flight; Tribute

To USSR Construction

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific, Bay Area Council, unanimately sent the Soviet flyers this greeting:

"Felicitations and hearty working class greetings upon completion of your heroic flight. We maritime workers salute you. Forward to international working class solidarity."

A delegation of the Communist Party of Riverside and San Bernardino greeted the flyers at the broadcast and reception.

As a result of the almost incredible distance record—6262 miles—set by Soviet flyers Pilot Mikhail Gromov, Co-pilot Andrei Yumashov, and Navigator Sergei Danilin in the Moscowl to San Jacinto transpolar flight, the way has been cleared for what the world had believed was years off—an airline over the Polar wastes, from Moscow to the United States. The way for the Moscow-U. S. A. route was paved in a flight over the North Pole which exceeded by 605 miles the previous world distance record, set by the French airmen Codet and Rossi in a New York to Syria hop in 1933.

The newest transpolar flight will be followed by a third on July 23, Soviet aviation advisor Stanley Shumovsky said Monday. The third flight will be led by Sigismund Levanevsky. A passenger plane will be used, to prove that air mail and passenger service is feasible between Moscow, via the North Pole, to San Francisco.

It has remained for the resourcefulness, the daring, and the planning of Socialism to undertake these great achievements.

Actually Flew 7000 Miles
(When the three intrepid flyers landed in San Jacinto cow pasture at 6:25 a. m. Tuesday, they had covered 6262 non-stop miles according to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey estimation. The Soviet flyers estimated their actual distance at 7000 miles due to detours and the fact that they had actually flown to San Diego and over to Mexico, but had been forced back to San Jacinto by fog which prevented a San Diego landing.) They had been in the air 62 hours and 3 minutes.

At no time, the flyers told interviewers, did they experience the least bit of trouble with their all-Soviet 1000 horsepower single-motor ship, the ANT-1, sister ship to the one in which flyers Beliakov, Baiakukov and Chkalov made their recent Moscow-Vancouver, Wash., transpolar hop.

The flyers described the well-nigh perfect behavior of the Soviet-made plane in these words: "The greatest thrill was at

Appointment of Harry Bridges by the Committee for Industrial Organization as West Coast CIO director carries with it general supervision over organizing activities and drives of the CIO unions and unification and consolidation of the CIO forces for the entire coast, it has been learned.

Maritime Federation First Task

Bridges' first and most pressing task will be the unification of the maritime unions into a National Maritime Federation under the CIO banner.

It is expected that CIO regional headquarters will be set up at the most important West Coast centers.

Bridges is calling a special meeting of the Pacific Coast ILA District Executive Board in Portland this Sunday, to take the necessary steps to carry out the will of the ILA membership as expressed in the overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation. The Board will probably make immediate application for an international charter under the CIO.

Bridges is going east to attend the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn. convention in New York early in August and the seamen's national unity conference in Chicago on August 16.

WPA Sitdown Brings Back Pay Checks

SAN FRANCISCO—The way was cleared for settlement of the sitdown strike of 30 WPA workers by a Washington announcement that overdue pay checks were soon to be released.

AMERICANS IN SPAIN CHEER SHIPMENTS

Radiogram Tells the Meaning of Cigars, Coffee to Men

The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have received the following radiogram from Madrid. The radiogram was received at the offices of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion at 715 Ashbury Street, San Francisco.

"Four tons of wartime comforts destined for the American anti-fascists at Spanish battlefields have reached the central distributing point today. Over a ton of cigarettes is included."

This shipment is from the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion. These "luxuries" were hailed enthusiastically, grapevine telegrams rapidly informing all fronts of the arrival of the goods.

"Civil and military customs gave the battalion agents every facility to obtain transport and protect the shipment from loss. They provided trucks and chauffeurs and an escort of two carabineros."

Lasts Only a Month

"When the American representative attempted to thank the customs official he replied simply: 'We must thank you.'

"With 1700 men to care for the supply of cigarettes may last a bare month. A second shipment from the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion is daily expected but contains no cigarettes."

"Our supplymen fervently hope for an equal shipment of cigarettes each month. Second shipment may bring comfort to pipe smokers since 150 pounds of tobacco and 40 pounds of pipes are listed. These quantities are likewise small for the large demand."

"The men will also probably entice over 100 pounds of concentrated coffee, which amount will be increased by the second shipment. Soap is also received with cheers. Socks, handkerchiefs, toothbrushes, sugar are perhaps less needed but Americans may share last item with children's colony founded in Murcia by the International Brigade."

"A large supply of times may complete the security that Americans won't lack good coffee so necessary at the front where two battalions are already in action."

"Sharing cigarettes with Spanish comrades under fire, they consider these shipments expressions of anti-fascist solidarity."

The radiogram speaks for itself on what these shipments mean, the Friends point out.

People Won't Stand for Vigilantes in Hotel Strike

(AN EDITORIAL)

San Francisco employers again itch to lay hands on the vigilante gang against organized labor. This time their first target is the hotel strike. And they're using all the tried and untrue tactics of the Waterfront Employers Assn. "Arbitrate all issues," cries the Hotel Owners' Policy Committee, aping the shipowners in the 1936-37 maritime strike.

The maritime unions refused to arbitrate basic issues; their victory is now history. Their solid ranks, supported by the whole labor movement, halted the Holman gang of thugs.

The hotel strikers—to win their just demands—must follow the maritime unions' path. Recognition of the Hotel Clerks Union local, union hiring hall, five-day, 40-hour week—these are the strikers' basic demands which the hotel owners are trying to knife through "arbitration."

The strikers, all San Francisco labor, must organize NOW to check the vigilantism so brazenly threatened by Harvey Toy, Hotel Owners Assn. president. Toy announced his highest ambition is to lead vigilante gangsters against the "filth and scum of our city," as he terms the strikers. It is known that last month hotel heads met secretly to plot violence against labor.

Another tip-off is the editorial by Editor Paul C. Smith in last Sunday's S. F. Chronicle, which attacked the Manx Hotel pickets as "a mob of fools" with "excessive irresponsibility." A mass picket line, militant tactics by labor, are one of the surest defenses against fascism, but to the Chronicle they are "the straightest road to fascism." The Chronicle's "friends-of-labor" pose of the last year wears pretty thin when it has not one word to say against Harvey Toy's fascist threats.

But the would-be vigilantes and fascists can be stopped: the hotel strikers can win. A solid front of the San Francisco labor movement and its friends can and must be mobilized to support the strike and to demand that the city and state governments put Toy and other vigilante inciters to violence where they belong—behind bars, under the criminal statutes of the State of California.

CONTINGENT OF E. BAY TO MOONEY MEET

Marcantonio, Shelley, Bridges, Kidwell Speak July 25

Oakland's trade unionists are getting set for the big July 25th Tom Mooney-Warren K. Billings mass meeting, to be held in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium on the 21st anniversary of the two labor leaders' imprisonment.

First concession would agree to exclusion of "inside office workers" except "room clerks from preferential hiring provisions."

Employers' refusal to include these workers was the original cause of the strike.

The strike committee also proposes a four-year contract, tying the hands of the unions for an unheard of length of time.

Negotiations on the above basis were resumed Thursday.

Marcantonio Talks

Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio of New York; Harry Bridges; John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, and George Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers' secretary, will be among the speakers.

Marcantonio, with a fighting progressive record in Congress, is the new national president of the International Labor Defense.

Americans in New Spain Offensive

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is one of the freaks that occur in a war. Martin Hourihan, former commandante of the Lincoln Battalion and now regimental commander, was the most seriously wounded, but if you had seen him, he would have given you the same answer he gave me.

"Ah, it's nothing much. Just one shrapnel."

Doctors assured me Hourihan would recover speedily. Then there's Bill Halliwell of Edmonton, Alta., who was hit in a place that's extremely embarrassing. I can't sit down now for a time."

Walter Garland, Negro machine gun commander in the Washington Battalion, expressed his pride in the American Negro fighters in both American battalions. Negro fighters were in leading positions and were brave soldiers. For military reasons, the boys couldn't describe the actions that they took part in the Sierra, but their eyes glowed as they spoke of the way their buddies fought.

Observers agree that the English-speaking companies carved a place for themselves in Spanish history. Most of the boys were lying in beds. Upon being questioned, they were unanimous in their praise of their Spanish buddies beside whom they fought. As is known, the battalions are mixed.

MADRID—While hostility grew abroad to the British Tories' latest "neutrality" proposal including the granting of belligerent rights to the German and Italian forces under nominal command of General Franco, the Spanish Loyalist government gathered its fighting forces for the large scale resumption of its offensive on the central front here.

Loyalist airplanes bombed fascist positions to the west, preparing for a new advance of the ground forces.

The Woodworkers will pay only 5 cents a member per month per capita to the CIO, with full international rights, instead of 25 cents with no rights, as was the case under Hutchinson's domination.

Carpenters' locals have been invited to send fraternal delegates to the convention.

Cal. Chamber Labor Plan Not So Good

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Chamber of Commerce has asked 30 California trade organizations to adopt the labor relations code recently set forth by the Chamber.

The code was assailed by many trade union officials, including President Shelley of the San Francisco Labor Council, because it did not guarantee the right to organize and strike. It was praised by state federation secretary Edward Vandeleur.

An idea of the Chamber's labor relations plans can be seen from the fact that the California Processors and Growers have begun negotiations on a statewide scale with Edward Vandeleur and 11 company unions chartered by the latter after he had revoked the charter of progressive cannery workers locals.

The negotiations are aimed at the CIO agricultural and cannery drive, and to undermine the scales set by the progressive locals, which are similar to the fine scale recently won in the San Francisco IXL Cannery.

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The Fascist Uprising in Spain Began One Year Ago; How the Loyalist Forces Became a Disciplined Army; Loyalist Spain Gathers Its Strength; the Role of the Communist Party in Spain.

Evolution of Spain's Trained, Disciplined Anti-Fascist Army

Soviet Military Expert Tells How Hastily Formed Detachments of People Became A Crack Fighting Force in Spain

By A. GOLUBIEV

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Fascist intervention in Spain began with the rebellion of the major part of the army against the government of the Republic. While the Spanish army was not one of the most advanced, nevertheless it was the only military-trained and military-organized force within the country.

The army had a whole series of sections splendidly trained and, on the whole, well armed, such as the Foreign Legion, the Moroccan and some Spanish divisions.

In view of the fact Spain did not participate in the World War, the rebellion could muster a great number of mercenary troops with a high percentage of soldiers and petty officers, but Spain itself could muster only very limited contingents of war-trained soldiers and an insignificant number of reserve line officers.

The First Stages

As a result, when the fascist rebellion started by involving the professional army, the Republican government found itself not only without any organized military force, but even without any potential cadres with military training out of which a new army could be organized within the shortest possible period.

If we add to it the fact that the greatest part of available war equipment was in the hands of the rebels, it will be easier to realize the exceptionally difficult military position Republican Spain was in during the first days and weeks of the fascist rebellion.

Notwithstanding all this, the first stages of the struggle ended in a brilliant victory of the legitimate government in many decisive sectors and centers of the country. (Madrid, Oviedo, Valencia, Catalonia, etc.)

These victories are due entirely to the broadest mass support to the Spanish Republican government by the Spanish people. The people of Asturia, Basque province, Madrid and Valencia, armed by the Republican government crushed the military fascist rebellion in their respective sectors immediately upon its inception. The rebels were victorious only wherever they had greater concentration of their military forces—Spanish Morocco, Cadiz, Navarra, Old Castile.

But this first victory of the loyal government forces could not have been final or decisive. The rebels had captured certain sectors of Spain and had immediately received very considerable aid in war equipment and military specialists from Italy and Germany. This "aid" enabled the rebel forces to take the offensive. The government militia, capable of holding its own in street battles, was able to isolate and disarm the rebel forces in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and other centers. Nevertheless, it was too weak to successfully oppose the regular armies of the rebels in open battle.

A Trained, Loyal Army

The entire burden of the struggle against the advancing regular rebel forces fell thus upon the shoulders of the hastily formed detachments and companies of the people's militia. As a rule, they were not numerically inferior to the rebels, but the absence of unified organization, military training, centralized command and trained officer cadres caused these militia forces to suffer one defeat after another and the battle front kept getting inexorably nearer and nearer Madrid.

Already as far back as August it became clear that the Republic of Spain must inevitably be defeated unless it could muster its own thoroughly trained, loyal and devoted army, led by a Republican contingent of officers and well organized in opposition to the regular armies of the rebels and interventionists.

The process of creating a regular army is lengthy and difficult. In Spain it has been further complicated by the fact that many of the organizations comprising the People's Front did not at once realize that only a regular, disciplined army under a centralized command is capable of attaining a full Republican victory. The comparatively easy successes of the first days led many to believe that victory is possible without having a regular army. This delayed and made more difficult the process of "regularizing" the army and led to a series of partial defeats easily avoidable under other conditions.

"Regularizing" the Army

The real process of "regularizing" the army did not begin

Fruits of "Non-Intervention" in Spain



NAZI TANKS
roll into Arenal Square, after Loyalist evacuation of Bilbao. Basque defenders took a new stand west of the city, while crushing defeats are administered fascists in Madrid area.

Loyalist Spain Gathers Its Strength

Louis Fischer, Moscow correspondent of the "Nation," New York liberal weekly journal, who is now in Spain for that periodical, analyzes the present situation in Spain in a cable from Valencia, Spain, printed in the last issue. We reprint his article, "Loyalist Spain Gathers Its Strength," below.

Valencia, June 28.

The fall of Bilbao has been skillfully used by the Negrin government to stimulate enthusiasm at the front and in the rear. This is less strange than would at first appear, for the authorities have only to appeal to the indiscipline of progress known to most Spaniards but ignored or underestimated by those outsiders who see the civil war as an unbroken chain of Loyalist successes.

Toward the end of November the relative position of the forces upon the battle fields was such that Franco's defeat seemed inevitable, had it not been for the advent of Italian and German troops.

At present, according to the foreign press, the number of Franco-German soldiers is well over 100,000. If these armies had been there at the beginning, half of them would have been enough to break down Republican resistance.

Now, however, such was the process of growth of the Republican army that it is not only capable of resisting these armies, but even active defensive campaigns against them. This is fully confirmed not only with the Madrid battles since January, especially by the March battles at Guadalajara and Poso Blanco. And now, upon the most important war sectors, the Spanish Republican army is on the level of a fully up-to-date army which generally speaking still lacks offensive abilities, less because of insufficient equipment than by reason of poor staff work and undependable commanders.

As late as a few weeks ago the Loyalists had no general staff which really functioned as such (until Negrin came into office, General Rojo, chief of staff, was not even in Valencia but on active service at one front), and numerous individual units had no staffs of their own.

The great victory over the Italians in the remarkable battle of Brihuega last March was in large measure due to the brilliant tactics of the three experienced generals who directed operations from a hill overlooking the field.

Build Officers' Corps

Despite bad staff work and an inadequate officers' corps, a year has sufficed to transform green "milicianos" who ran whenever the Moors appeared, into courageous, stubborn warriors whose new regular army uniform is symbolic of the passing of the early amateurish improvisation and chaotic if colorful eclecticism. Officers who remained with the Loyalists after the revolt frequently proved politically unreliable. Moreover, since the old-time generals who first commanded the government army favored petty bourgeois types over proletarians and peasants for promotion to officer's rank, even the new commanders were often of doubtful quality and loyalty.

Under Prieto, Negrin's Minister of National Defense, the officers' corps is being purged, but substitutes must be found and trained to take the place of those who go into the discard or into less pivotal work, and this is a slow process. Men like Lister, Modesta, and Campesino, all Communists (the bulk of fresh talent is Communist), who as division commanders ought to be generals, are still majors, partly in conformity with the pre-revolutionary Spanish army code and partly because of their politics.

However, it would still be incorrect to assume that the Republican army overcame all of its difficulties. Among the latter is also the very lack of sustained effort in its military organizational successes. The Central Madrid-Guadarrama front shows the greatest achievements in this respect. It has taken up and constantly repulsed all of the attacks of the concentrated enemy forces. In order to become finally victorious, the Republican army must have both quantitative and qualitative increase in its forces, complete coordination between the front and rear-guard forces, and firm establishment of the principle of centralized command, from individual sections all the way to the entire battle front and the war as a whole.

The success already attained in the "reorganization" of the army was enough to repulse the fascist attacks and stop their front in its tracks. Further "regularization" of the army, the creation of numerous well-trained reserves, raising of discipline to a fully concentrated command will secure a final Republican victory.

KNITTING MILL WORKERS VOTE STRIKE, 300 to 0

SAN FRANCISCO—By a vote

of 300 to 0, workers in the Gantner & Mattern Knitting Mills, organized under the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, voted last Wednesday night to go on strike.

The strike committee was given full power to call a strike at any time, following the action of the employer. The employer told the union: "I am not Henry Ford, but I know what to do." Workers took this to mean a threat of violence against the union, but are determined to win their collective bargaining rights.

Construct War Planes

The Loyalist importation of

arms has been undiminished in recent months. In addition, new and old Spanish plants are yielding a broader flow of modern weapons, and it is confidently expected that the Loyalists, who are already assembling airplane parts and manufacturing excellent airplane motors, will shortly be turning out one home-made plane daily. Negrin and Prieto are putting all their energy behind this phase.

However, purchases in places far removed geographically from Spain, even when augmented by domestic production, will not soon equal the shipments to Franco which Germany and Italy can make if they are uncurbed. Since the latest non-intervention agreement went into effect in February Hitler and Mussolini have vastly increased their supplies of war material to the rebels.

In the recent international crisis when Germany and Italy again withdrew from the international patrol on the fantastically flimsy pretense of the Leipzig attack, Valencia remained perfectly calm despite the Nazi threat to blow it to bits a la Almeria; and again the other night, when sirens at three-fifteen heralded an attack on the

development by their sudden firmness, and in Valencia it is supposed and hoped that this unusually strong attitude may ultimately lead to the scrapping of the entire farcical non-intervention scheme and bring about the unhindered sale of munitions to the legitimate Spanish authorities.

Masses Back Negrin

Neither the danger of foreign attack nor the obvious necessity of straining every muscle to win the civil war has deterred the Spanish Loyalists from engaging in the expensive game of party politics which is forcing some able persons into inactivity and even obstruction. At present the Caballero-led Left Socialists, with the exception of Del Vayo, who retained his post as war commissar in charge of the army's political commissars and as Spain's ambassador-at-large, and the Anarchists are in active opposition. This means that they carry on whispering campaigns and sometimes intrigues against the Negrin regime. However, it is characteristic of Caballero's fundamental honesty that he did not try to upset the Cabinet on the Bilbao issue, for he must have realized that he himself was more responsible for their

Off to Defend His People



LOYALIST TROOPS leave a Spanish village for the trenches, to fight the fascists.

citizens by German shelling which had been threatened, the people stood around in front of their houses instead of running to find shelter.

The Loyalist navy and air force were prepared to meet the German attack, and a battle with heavy enemy losses, followed by open warfare between Spain, Germany, and Italy, did not seem farfetched. Although the extension of the civil war to involve all Europe is the favorite topic of the cafe intellectuals, who think it might relieve Spain from the inequalities in the present struggle, no statesman views such a prospect without dread, if only because there is no guarantee that the democracies would care to defend Spanish democracy against fascist aggression.

This is a problem whose solution takes time. The predictions of government leaders about the date of the much-needed big offensive vary from three months to next winter or spring, and estimates regarding the probable duration of the civil war run from a minimum of ten months to the frightening maximum of three years.

In the Bilbao campaign the indifferent politics of the Basque middle-class nationalist officers, hundreds of whom have since deserted to Franco owing to the heavy cost of carrying him to victory, was encouraged by the fall of Bilbao to believe it would be possible to crush the Loyalists quickly, close a burdensome debit ledger, and open a credit account for her Spanish adventure by blocking the government's importation of arms. This could be done by smashing the Loyalist fleet which convoys merchant vessels when necessary. The Reichs fleet therefore sought a naval encounter. As far as one can judge from this angle of vision, England and France prevented such a catastrophic de-

feat than Negrin.

The members of the government attribute this forbearance more to weakness than to charity. It is doubtful whether the UGT executive could vote against the Cabinet without provoking a serious split in its ranks. But members of the government in conversation with me have stated that not even the two big trade union federations together could overthrow the government, because it enjoys the staunch support of the Left Republicans, the Right Socialists, and the Communists, and already has visible achievements to its credit. The fact is that neither federation has committed an overt act against Negrin, and one CNT member even petitioned to be taken into the Cabinet. From being until very recently the most violent critics of the CNT, the Left-Socialists have suddenly

become its allies. His consequent leniency toward the Anarchists, which is proceeding.

Caballero began to lose his hold on the people when he allowed the enemy to approach a Madrid unprepared for defense. The government's hasty departure to Valencia further lowered his prestige. Since then, his retention of a high officer whose inability or treachery explains and is partially responsible for the surrender of Toledo and Malaga, his isolation from the masses whom he refused, despite friendly pressure, to address even once during the months he was Prime Minister, his haughty behavior toward his own colleagues and the slowness and inflexibility with which he met the problems he embittered. This uneasy and unnatural fellowship sows seeds of discord when unity is most needed to defeat fascism, but its power is diminished by Caballero's waning popularity. Del Vayo's loyalty to the new Cabinet, and Negrin's rigorous campaign against arbitrary acts of the Anarchists, in turn, feign a newfound love for Caballero, whose life in office

was a series of ups and downs. The Reichs fleet therefore sought a naval encounter. As far as one can judge from this angle of vision, England and France

are instructing their followers to sabotage Negrin's work, and Negrin, therefore, probably wishes first to complete disarmament of the Cabinet's social program.

Negrin regards himself as a Marxist. He laughed when I told him that foreign dispatches had reported that he would return the property confiscated from

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'We Fight for a New Type of Democratic Parliamentary Republic', Says C. P. Leader

Secretary of Spanish Communist Party Tells of the Aims of the People of Spain in the War Against the Fascists and the Hitler-Mussolini Intervention

(These excerpts are taken from an abridged stenogram of the report of the General Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party to the recent enlarged Plenum of the Central Committee of that Party.)

When we speak of the character of the present struggle, we have to establish this point: against whom and against what did the fascists raise the rebellion on July 18? The fascists rose up in arms against the whole of the Spanish people, against the will of the people, clearly expressed in the elections of February 16. In order to justify their criminal act, the rebels tried to claim that they had begun a "preventive revolution" in order to hinder the establishment of communism in Spain. But the program of the Frente Popular, which constituted the basis on which the struggle was carried on which led to the victory of February 16, cannot be reproached with resembling communism in any way whatsoever. The electoral struggle simply aimed at defending the democratic republic and its institutions, and at creating the conditions necessary for satisfying the urgent demands of the Spanish people.

In the face of the tasks laid upon us by the war, and in view of the tremendous sacrifices which we shall have to make in order to win it, we want rapidly to create the necessary conditions for victory.

A New Type of Republic

We are fighting for a democratic republic, for a new type of democratic parliamentary republic. The struggle in Spain does not aim at forming a democratic republic of the French type or like the republics of other capitalist countries. No, the democratic republic for which we are fighting is a different republic. We are fighting to destroy the material foundation on which reaction and fascism were based, for unless this foundation is destroyed, it will be impossible to have a genuine political democracy.

In order to make clear to all my view of the character of our struggle against fascism, I will remind you of the fact that a month after the beginning of the rebellion, our Party launched the Frente Popular, of uniting the whole of the Spanish people, for the civil war—the conflict between democracy and fascism had become a war for national independence, a war for national liberation.

Our struggle, the content of which is profoundly national, has also a clearly expressed international character. A concise and brilliant definition of the international character of our struggle was given by our great Comrade Stalin and expounded at greater length by Comrade Dimitroff. Comrade Stalin said in his historic telegram to the Central Committee of our Party:

"The working people of the Soviet Union are only doing their duty by giving every aid in their power to the revolutionary masses of Spain. They realize that the liberation of Spain from the oppression of the fascist reactionaries is not the private affair of the Spaniards, but the common cause of all advanced and progressive mankind."

Commenting on the definition of the international character of our struggle, as given by Comrade Stalin, Comrade Dimitroff in an article published at the beginning of this year wrote:

"At the same time it must not be forgotten that to hasten and facilitate the victory of the Spanish people, who are defending their blood not only their own freedom and independence, but also the democratic liberties of other peoples and also the cause of peace, it is necessary still further to increase the actions of solidarity of the international proletariat and of all democratic forces."

In these few words, the international character and significance of our struggle in Spain is splendidly explained.

There is no doubt that a victory by Spain over fascism will serve as a tremendous impulse for the development of democracy not only in Spain, but in France, England and other countries. Our victory will also

be the only means of satisfying the needs of the front and the rear.

In addition to these main points, the solution of which will lead to the disappearance of the semi-feudal castes which were dominant in Spain, and will lead to the reorganization of the material and social basis of our new, democratic, parliamentary republic, we must proceed generally to the nationalization of the Bank of Spain and the chief industries of the country. This is the only means of satisfying the needs of the front and the rear.

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exercise a tremendous influence on the political situation in Germany, Italy and all countries which are now under the rule of fascism, because it will show them the road to liberation from fascist tyranny. On the contrary, if we were to lose the war, it would be a terrible blow for democracy everywhere, not only in Spain, but throughout the world. Defeat would mean an advance, if only temporary, of international fascism, and a wave of terror and barbarism which would spread over the whole world, driving all the peoples into the abyss of war.

Therefore, in the face of the tasks laid

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The Tradition of July 14-18 1934

EXACTLY three years ago—on July 18, 1934, the four-day San Francisco general strike came to an end. That four-day period will remain forever in the annals of American history as one of the most powerful actions of organized labor solidarity the world has ever known.

It was an object lesson not merely to the shipowners whose police had murdered two San Francisco maritime strikers, but to the entire open shop system so fondly treasured by the fascist Liberty Leaguers of today. And the open shoppers of the nation, howling like demons in their wrath, trembled.

Out of the 1934 general strike and the concurrent coastwide maritime strike came the vastly improved conditions, wages and hours enjoyed by West Coast maritime labor today. Out of it and the 1934 maritime strike came also that great upsurge of trade union organization which has doubled and redoubled the number of workers on the Pacific Coast enjoying the benefits of unionization.

It is not far-fetched to say that the 1934 general strike helped inspire that great wave of nationwide organization which is so well exemplified by the great gains of the Committee for Organization today.

The colleagues of those tories who ordered the callous massacres of July, 1934, today again resort to the mailed-fist of armed murder in steel and in other basic industries. They have not sufficiently learned the lesson of the 1934 general strike—that the powerful and united support of all organized labor will surely be galvanized into action if a halt is not called to their brutal orgy of terrorism, as in steel.

For organized labor and all progressive sections of the people on the West Coast, the tradition of 1934 remains alive. Let it be used on behalf of the strikers in steel, fighting the battle of all organized labor.

One Year—And Spain's Army Is Proving its Power

NO MORE fitting observation of the first anniversary of the fascist invasion of Spain could be conceived than the tremendous offensive by which the army of Republican Spain is pounding back the invading forces commanded by General Franco.

A year ago, on July 18, the revolt of the traitorous Spanish officers left the Spanish people without any organized army. They were forced to recapture the barracks with nothing but empty hands and heroic determination. Today they have an army, trained, disciplined, equipped and capable of an offensive powerful enough to defeat all the fascist interventionists that Mussolini and Hitler have sent into Spain.

For a year Spain has been the battle ground of the international struggle between fascism and democracy. For a year the

Spanish people have been defending themselves against one of the most flagrant invasions that history has yet to record. And for a year the international forces of democracy have been forging a common front against world fascism.

The great offensive on the central front arouses the tremendous applause of democracy throughout the world. It stands as a tribute not only to the heroism of the Spanish people and the American and other international volunteers who have offered their own lives in the struggle. It is a tribute as well to the strategy of the Spanish government and command. It is ample proof that the policy of unification of all Loyalist Spain under a centralized government and the organization of a powerful army and defense industry could put the interventionists to rout.

But the anniversary of the fascist revolt also calls to mind the fact that Mussolini and Hitler, knowing that defeat in Spain will mean a serious blow to fascism everywhere, are on the verge of open, direct invasion. It should remind us also that General Franco, answering a question of the United Press correspondent Webb Miller, said:

"The just and neutral attitude of the United States government is worthy of, and receives, our full gratitude."

This "neutrality" receives the gratitude of Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, but President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull must be informed emphatically that it merits the condemnation of the American people as being a direct aid to everything that is abhorrent to American traditions and detrimental to peace in America and in the world.

America is disgraced by this "neutrality" which penalizes the Loyalists and aids the fascists. America is glorified by the heroic American volunteers who are fighting for Loyalist Spain and for World democracy.

Demand an embargo against fascist Germany and Italy, invaders of Spain!

Raise funds to supply cigarettes and candy to battalions of American volunteers fighting in Spain against the fascists!

Termites and the Wages and Hours Bill

LIKE termites, the reactionaries of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor have eaten away at the administration's wages and hours bill, and have weakened it tremendously.

The tories' revisions can only bring disappointment to those who are for decent conditions in the industries of this country.

Coming out of the Senate committee, the legislation does not permit the Labor Standards Board to set higher minimum than 40 cents per hour nor a shorter maximum than 40 hours a week.

The wage minimum as it now stands is bottomless and the length of hours is limited.

The original bill allowed the Standards Board to fix minimum wages as high as 80 cents per hour, with Congress to decide the work week maximum.

One improvement—the new section 5—is apparent. The new section makes it clear that collective bargaining will not be tampered with nor will unions be prevented from obtaining better minimum wages and maximum hours than are set forth in the bill.

It is fortunate too that the prohibition of child labor below the age of 16 is retained.

Big business has indicated that it will try to prevent passage of even the emasculated bill. It remains for the progressives in Congress and for the pressure of organized labor and all progressive groups to see that the Liberty League agents do not succeed, and to see further that the legislation is amended into the sort of wages and hours legislation the American people really want.

A Matter of Self-Defense

THE slashing off of thousands of California WPA workers can be halted, and in fact prevented, if the proper support of all labor and progressive groups is mobilized behind the WPA workers' march on San Francisco, on July 26, and behind the Los Angeles demonstration.

The July 26 actions in California, by the Workers Alliance, are part of a nationwide series of decisive steps occurring in the week of July 22-29, against the "pink slip" drive on the WPA workers. That drive is instigated by those in Washington close to the fascist Liberty League.

The "pink slip" drive is aimed not only at the immediate victims on WPA, but it will endanger the standards of the employed workers through an influx of scores of thousands of job-seekers.

It will hit the farmers, small business men and professional people, for those driven off WPA will not be able to buy.

The support to the WPA demonstrations by the trade unions and organizations of the groups mentioned is therefore a matter of self-defense.

Such support should come further in pressure on Congressmen for the joint resolution of Senator Schwellenbach (Wash.) and Representative Allen (Penn.), declaring it to be the policy of Congress that no WPA worker shall be dismissed who cannot find private employment at wages not less than the prevailing wages, for work in which the worker is reasonably fitted through training or experience.

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Demand it be Shown in Your City!



SCENE FROM the Paramount film record of the brutal Memorial Day massacre at Republic Steel, in which 10 pickets were murdered. Photo reveals how prostrate workers were beaten mercilessly by police with ax handles.

Call for Close Tie Between Farmers and Farm Workers

earned pay checks of the poorest paid of any organized workers, was turned back to stimulate and build the trade union movement in agriculture.

Every request for financial aid from the Executive Council of the AFL was turned down. This was the treatment received by the Colorado beet workers when they asked a \$5,000 organization fund; this was the treatment given the request of the Florida Citrus Workers Union for organizational help; and this was the answer given to the request of the New Jersey Agricultural unions for funds.

The Task Before Agricultural Labor

This convention, in the opinion of Henderson, is the answer of agricultural labor to the crying need of the workers in this industry. The task is to organize a nation-wide organization, capable of throwing concentrated forces into a particular spot when needed.

"We must utilize" he said, "that form of organization which has proved so successful in recent struggles for trade union

organization in steel, and other mass production industries."

In this, he pointed out, we are confronted with a choice. Shall it be affiliation to the AFL or CIO?

The situation to-day, he explained is no longer that which governed the policy of the federal agricultural unions at the Tampa convention. Unity now lies in building the CIO.

To have brought agricultural unions to the point where we now are; with at least 50,000 dues paying members and another 50,000 enrolled members, supporting the unions, but too poor to pay dues, we have followed the industrial policy. This is the only policy which will succeed in our industry.

Having built thus far with our bare hands, we now have before us the task of creating an international which will provide for us the machinery to go ahead, the support necessary to overcome obstacles in our way and the prestige which we must have nationally to cope with the organizational and political problem facing us.

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of industry on the basis of a plan, etc.

The fact that these fundamental points are recognized by all the parties and trade unions participating in the People's Front and represented in the government is a big step forward. But the fundamental problem of the present day is not only the recognition of the correctness of these points; the decisive point is the speed at which they are put into operation. It required eight months of war for the sum total of the problems raised by the Communist Party from the very first day of the war to be understood. But we cannot wait another eight months for these tasks to be carried into life. If the government does not take steps immediately to fulfill the economic, military war; if this is not done in the briefest possible time—for the situation does not admit of delay—if in spite of the support of the entire people, the government proves incapable of carrying into life the things which the situation urgently demands, then the government will be doomed. Either the government carries out the measures necessary to win the war or the government will cease to be the government. (The delegates rise and heartily applaud Comrade Diaz).

Time is Ripe

"Our convention is historical," he continued, "because for the first time we are strong enough to bring together a substantial representation from all sections of the agricultural industry, from all parts of the country. From the sugar beet fields of Colorado; from the citrus groves, packing sheds and canneries of Florida; from New Jersey and the state of Washington; from Arkansas and the cotton fields of Alabama and from the rich intensively cultivated fruit and vegetable lands of California, this convention unites delegates.

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Everyone knows that our war is a modern type of war, i.e., a war in which the enemy has a well-trained army, one which is experienced in war and is abundantly supplied with the most modern means of destruction. And while the enemy does not possess large forces of Spaniards, it receives reinforcements from the regular armies of Germany and Italy, and in the first place technically trained personnel which gives the war an extremely severe character.

To this army of the enemy we oppose the people's army, now in the process of formation and drawing its fighters from the wide masses of the people of our country. We also have modern weapons. But we have to learn to use our technique, to learn the use of war, because war is both a science and an art. It is not enough to have

right on one's side, as some

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Chronicle is Indignant!

A month ago the Communist Party organized a mass meeting on the graft investigation at the Civic Center under the slogan "Rossi Must Resign." The editors of the Chronicle, who with monotonous regularity publish editorials attacking and slandering the Communists and other labor and progressive forces, waxed extremely indignant at us. The nerve of those Communists! Who are they to attack the Mayor elected by the people! When the people want somebody other than Rossi as their Mayor, they can so decide! This was the content of an editorial which appeared in the Chronicle on the day of the Communist Party mass meeting. It defended Mayor Rossi against the demand that he resign, and by that defense apologized for a situation in the city administration which smells to high heaven.

"ROSSI MUST GO!"

Even the Grand Jury majority report, which is a brazen white-wash, is forced to demand: Roche must resign; Foran must resign; Sykes must resign; Raphael (Mayor Rossi's secretary) must resign. But that is only reaching into the minor circles of the "fountainhead of corruption." Rossi and his whole administration is responsible for the notorious corruption brought out in the report of Edwin N. Atherton; the bankers and employers who are the real bosses of San Francisco and who pull the strings of the Rossi administration, are equally responsible. If a referendum vote or recall election were held, we challenge anyone to deny that the people of San Francisco would place the responsibility where it belongs to oust Rossi from office. And it is high time that not only the Communists, but the labor movement and all citizens of San Francisco take up the slogan: "Rossi and his pals must go!"

We quote the following from a writer in the San Francisco News: "You should know that the last-minute effort of Investigator Edwin N. Atherton to persuade the grand jury it should blast Mayor Rossi in its police graft report came after the ex-Governor had been informed some of the grand jurors were afraid that if they went after the Mayor too hard they would kill him politically, bring about the election of a Labor Mayor, and thereby turn the town over to the radicals. Mr. Atherton's private retort was that San Francisco was in a hell of a fix if only one man stood between it and the Reds."

We can assure anyone that is interested that there is no danger of the Communists taking over San Francisco. There aren't enough of us to do that, even though we could do a better job than the labor-haters who now infest the city administration. But there are enough honest citizens, of which the Communists are only a small part, who are so aroused at the black name San Francisco has received through the Rossi administration, to elect a people's administration because these honest citizens make up the overwhelming majority of the people. The Chronicle could well save their indignation for more worthy purposes.

Greetings to Press Builders

We congratulate and greet the delegates to the Press Builders Congress in Los Angeles, who won the right to attend the Congress by their hard and effective work in putting the Subscription Drive over the top. These delegates made possible the most successful Sub Drive the Western Worker ever had, far surpassing the quota of 2,500 subs in about two months. They have shown in action that they understand the slogan of the Central Committee Plenary Session in June: "Build the Party and the Party Press," as the best guarantee for the building of a People's Front against fascism, and building a powerful and united labor movement.

The success of the Sub Drive shows the response of the masses to the Party and the Western Worker. The objective of attaining a mass circulation is still before us, and the momentum of the drive in getting subs and increased bundle orders must be continued. If this same effective work is kept up, then we will be able to carry out the decision of the Central Committee and State Committee of the Party to launch a "Daily Western Worker" by January 1st.

They want to destroy with the aid of foreign fascism. Our army is defending by force of arms the independence of our country, the land and liberty of our people. It is defending bread, work and peace for all champions of progress and civilization.

Our army is an army of the people and must be trained in the spirit of hatred for the fascists of our own country, for the butchers of the people, and for foreign fascism which is lighting the flames of war. Our army must be trained in the spirit of love for the people and their rights. All armies which have arisen from the midst of the people have been the embodiment of a really popular policy. Such was the army of the French Revolution. Such was and is the workers and peasants army of the Soviet Union. Such was and is the army which is fighting for the independence of China. Who, then, is interested in our army being non-political? The answer is: General Franco and Queipo, and all the fascist scum are so interested, along with their direct and indirect agents who, unfortunately, may be and are in our ranks, in the ranks of our army.

In addition to the establishment of strict discipline in the army, it is necessary to establish the principle of responsibility by the commanders. I ask you: have the causes of the defeats at Talavera and Toledo been investigated? Have those who are to blame been punished? Unfortunately, no. Have those responsible for the fall of Malaga been punished? Again, no. It is said that investigations are proceeding, but the people, deeply stirred by these events, cannot wait for weeks. They demand that those responsible for the defeat be tried quickly and that they be given exemplary punishment.

San Francisco

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WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

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L. A. SOCIAL
WORKERS WIN
FIRST STRIKEBlocking Dismissals
Makes History for
White-Collars

By a Social Worker

LOS ANGELES—On Wednesday, July 7, the first strike of social service employees on the Pacific Coast ended victoriously for the striking workers.

Three workers who had been arbitrarily dismissed from the Jewish Social Service Bureau here were reinstated, conditioned upon findings of a neutral professional fact-finding body, which is to make a comprehensive comparative study of the workers in relation to work of the agency; furthermore, all workers participating in the strike, returned to their positions without discrimination.

White-Collar History

This is making history—not only for social service workers, but for all white-collar and professional workers in this region. This has broken down the false "professional" dictum that social workers are employed by non-profit organizations and therefore are different from other workers and cannot use the weapons found effective in industry.

When the security of social service employees was so threatened, they could not function adequately on their jobs, they knew "conferences" were no longer effective and walked onto a picket line which grew bigger and bigger as many workers came out in sympathy and which maintained a spirited demonstration for seven days.

Cause of the strike was the unjust and arbitrary dismissal of three social workers who had served from six to eight years with the Bureau (an agency affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations, which in turn is a member of the L. A. Community Chest).

An Illusion

Miss Freda Mohr, director of the Bureau, became consumed with the illusion she could gain nation-wide recognition for "taking the lead in establishing new trends for the private philanthropic agency," and to accomplish this drive for power, she scrapped three experienced case workers.

At first, she gave as her reason the belief that there were "new trends" ahead, and that in her opinion, these workers did not meet the necessary requirements of these "trends." Later, when pressed by the grievance committee of the Association of Employees in Jewish Social Agencies (a rank and file union), she changed her reason for dismissal to "inefficiency."

Charge Unproven

At no time did she prove this charge, and it seemed apparent from the start that all was not open and above board, for she had offered the dismissed workers a four months' dismissal wage (at a time when the agency was running a deficit).

The social service employees union (a local of the county-wide L. A. Social Service Employees' Guild), adopted a straightforward approach to the administration and demanded unconditional reinstatement of the discharged workers. When all conferences led only to confusion, and when the administration took the dictatorial attitude that "executives have the right to hire and fire as they please," the workers realized that all the professional hokum under which they had been strangled for years was being exploded for them by their bosses, and they determined that "insecurity for one meant insecurity for all."

Solid Strike

The 11 workers (including clerical workers) walked out. Within several hours, workers of six other Federal agencies struck in sympathy. Over 80 workers were involved. Only emergency workers were left in office so clients wouldn't suffer.

For a week, more and more agencies voted to walk out in sympathy. Community pressure took on momentum. Unions, prominent citizens, social service unions all over the country, and many other groups sent protests in behalf of the strikers. News papermen even joined in the picket line for short periods.

Solidarity Won

Now the strike has been successful, the social workers feel closer to their clients, because they have learned to use the weapons of workers. They feel more secure because they know they cannot be discharged without just cause. They feel close to one another, because their unity and solidarity made victory possible.

Comments by
Readers of
"Western"

INTERESTED IN C. P.
Hawthorne,
Los Angeles County.

Dear Comrades:
An enclosing two letters which are self-explanatory. If you can use any part of it to advantage, do so.

As you may have noticed, I have again had my address changed. This is the crummiest chicken coop I ever did live in.

By the way, I wish you'd send your local organizer over some evening. No hurry, and I'm not saying I shall join the Party.

Would like to have a talk with him, though.

The Western Worker continues to be OK in every respect—except that it isn't a daily.

Cordially yours, I. T.

SAYS W. W. IMPROVED

Santa Ynez,
Santa Barbara County.

Editor, Western Worker:

I see by your last issue you are inviting constructive criticism. The first Western Worker I saw was in 1934, small appeal. Since then you have improved; there is greater appeal. Glad to see you are beginning to diversify it. If you would give people what you want to give them, then you must give them some small item of what they want. Very truly yours, O. C. W.

RICH AGAINST
EDUCATIONAL
DEPARTMENT

Try to Abolish Department
Aiding School Kids

By a Worker Correspondent
OCEAN PARK, Los Angeles County—Recently I went to the educational research department of Los Angeles to apply for a position. The fact that I have two degrees from recognized universities qualifies me as a psychologist or vocational counselor.

I met the head of the department, Dr. Woods, who briefly informed me that no such position was open and discouraged me for future possibilities.

Rich Against Dept.

Dr. Woods went further to admit that her department was a bit frightened over the possibilities of being discontinued as a part of the educational program. She stated that at a late meeting a wealthy member of the Board of Education decided that educational research, vocational guidance and psychological examinations were unnecessary to the school child.

Wants Bureaucratic Set-Up

What this wealthy individual should have admitted was that children (only the poor and middle class, since rich children are sent to private academies) should be taught by teachers who, in turn, receive their orders from principals who acts as official mouthpiece for the wealthy group of board members. This last act if carried out by the board would strip the rights of any child to fight back against a prejudiced teacher.

Children Suffer

Due to economic conditions of today, many children have taken on the burdens and worries of their parents. They are forced to earn pennies and nickels, and are forced to steal food and commodities necessary for their own welfare. These extra exertions wear the child out. It is quite obvious in his behavior. He is usually cranky and easily upset, hungry and emaciated.

Many teachers interpret this behavior as malicious, spoiled, nasty. However, not until the real facts are learned, can the average teacher commence to sympathize.

Dept. Needed

Therefore it is through the department of educational research that such facts are brought to the surface, and it is these facts that this rich, satisfied, stupid member of the board is trying to avoid.

The suppression of privileges to school children is easily understood as a natural step of reaction. Pressure should be placed on such members who are attempting to balance an educational budget by abolishing the freedom and rights of the children.

Miners to Expel Green

WASHINGTON—The United Mine Workers international executive board will meet July 20 to discuss expulsion of William Green from the union. Green is charged with supporting a dual union—the Progressive Miners of Illinois, to which he has given an AFL charter.

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VENTURA OIL
WORKERS ARE
ORGANIZINGWorkers Optimistic
Despite Threats
By Teamsters

By a Worker Correspondent

VENTURA—A mass meeting called by the Petroleum Workers Organizing Committee of the CIO was held at the Athene Club house here on Thursday, July 8, 8 p. m., for the purpose of starting the CIO drive to organize the workers of the Ventura oil fields into a real, democratically operated, rank-and-file controlled union, of the workers, for the workers and by the workers.

Jimmie Pratten, local secretary of the rig builders, and secretary of Oil Workers Union 120, presided as chairman.

Over 200 Attended

Brother Knight, CIO organizer and a member of the Shell refinery local at East Chicago, Indiana, was the main speaker, supplemented by Brother Crook Stafford, charter member of the Coalina local; Jim Coulter, district councilman of the International Oil Workers Union, and several local and Long Beach workers.

Somewhat over 200 local workers attended the meeting and displayed a great deal of interest in all the proceedings. Considering the fact that the Ventura fields were almost without a bona fide union, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the workers at this meeting, the organizers and workers have every reason to feel optimistic for the future.

Two incidents of especial interest occurred during the preparations for this meeting, one very elating, one almost heart-breaking in its evil portent.

Brother McDonald, CIO organizer, with a local worker, called at the Labor Temple previous to the meeting to complete plans for having a representative of the culinary workers appear at the meeting to announce a dance to be given by the culinary workers Saturday evening.

Strikebreaking Teamster Official

At the Labor Temple Mr. Winters, business agent of the Teamsters, advised Brother McDonald that he did not want any CIO unions in Ventura and that he would do all in his power to keep them out. Mr. McDonald asked if that meant unfair tactics and the answer was by Mr. Winters:

"That means by any tactics, fair, unfair, foul or any means. We want no CIO unions or any of their members here, and will not have any and it will be too bad for any AFL member who attends."

Inquiry proves that these are NOT the sentiments of the rank-and-file AFL members.—Correspondent.

Workers' Wives Eager for Union

The other incident was that while passing out leaflets at the gate to the Associated lease, dozens of the wives of local oil workers asked for additional leaflets that they might help in making the organizational drive a success and requested the organizers not to quit until every worker in the field was a member of the CIO Oil Workers Union.

Brother Knight's speech was well received, as was the entire meeting. One local worker put Brother Coulter "on the spot" for some past actions, but was fair enough to say that he was willing to let them all pass and cooperate to make the drive a success. Many of the workers accepted application cards and asked about the next meeting. The drive will continue.

San Mateo Bosses
Move Anti-CIO

By a Cement Worker

REDWOOD CITY, San Mateo County—In the last two months the manufacturing industries in San Mateo County have all of a sudden become union minded.

This is no accident, however, as the CIO organizers have successfully organized the steel plant in South San Francisco and also the electrical workers (Pacific Gas & Electric) in San Mateo County.

The teamsters, asbestos and cement plants management have sent out SOS calls to reliable (?) labor unions to beat the CIO to the draw. Through various forms of intimidation (by holding meetings in the plants under company supervision), they are now attempting to set up company unions with AFL charters.

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VANDELEUR
BOSS TIE-UP
IN OAKLAND

By a Worker Correspondent
OAKLAND—The clear alignment of the Canners' League with Vandeleur's cannery union was brought to the front here last week when the foreladies of F. M. Ball's Cannery made the rounds informing the girls that this was their last chance to join the union before the initiation went up to \$5.

One woman, who joined Cannery Workers 2009 in Sacramento, told the foreladies: "I already have one button and I'm not going to pay for another."

MEAT CUTTERS
STRIKE SOUTH
GATE MARKETPickets Effective At Cash Is
King Market

By a Worker Correspondent

SOUTH GATE, Los Angeles County—Failure of Manager Porter of the Cash Is King Market, Seville and Santa Anna Sts., South Gate, to sign the agreement with Local No. 421, Meat Cutters Union (an AFL affiliate) on June 30, brought the members of this union in this market on strike on July 2.

Porter, who is also president of the Retail Meat Assn., had promised to sign the union workers' demands on June 30. When the time came to sign, he refused and countered with an offer to sign an agreement calling for six hours per week overtime without pay, instead of the regular union scale.

Picket Line Effective

This is the Meat Cutters & Butchers Union promptly refused and on July 2 threw a picket line in front of the market, which they are maintaining very successfully. The market is almost completely void of customers and the whole community is cooperating with the picket line to bring about a satisfactory settlement.

The manager has been paying from \$17.50 to \$25 per week for 10 to 12 hours per day. These wages are much below the standard for this type of work.

Boycott This Market!

Because of those facts we call upon all organized labor and the consuming public to support union labor in this strike. Remain away from Cash Is King Market until the Meat Cutters & Butchers secure their just demands.

The Working Farmer

DEVOTED TO THE problems and interests of the working farmer, this column will appear regularly on this page in the Monday issue. Dr. O. T. S., a practicing veterinarian, will conduct the column from time to time covering all phases in his line. He will be glad to answer questions, either through the column or personally. Working farmers are urged to contribute to this column on such questions as farming methods, organization to win better conditions for the farmers, etc. Address "The Working Farmer," Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

By DR. O. T. S.

RABIES IN DOGS—Because of the great prevalence of rabies in the southern part of the state, I think a few words on this subject right now will serve better than being put off.

Besides this subject concerns everyone, because all warm-blooded animals can be bitten and in turn become rabid

and spread the disease. Wild life, such as rodents, skunks, coyotes, probably have more to do with perpetuation of the disease than have dogs; the latter can be quarantined while the former are difficult to handle from the disease standpoint.

The disease is ages old. Due to its long incubation period, which varies (usually 14-21 days), and the symptoms referable to the nervous system and terminating in paralysis and death, it is most dangerous. Rabies is seen in two forms—the furious or mad-dog type, in which the animal runs wild, biting everything that interferes with it, and the dumb type, which manifests itself many different ways.

Furious Rabies

Furious rabies is so apparent that no one has difficulty in diagnosing the condition. First refuses food, later becomes acutely nervous just before the traying or running spell sets in. However, just because a dog is running down the street with froth at its mouth does not necessarily mean rabies—the other symptoms must be present, violence, high pitched bark, inability to eat or drink. But this type of the disease is not the one to fool people.

Dumb Rabies

Dumb rabies is the cause of more Pasteur treatments than the other type. In itself it constitutes 40 per cent of the cases and because of its mildness throws many people and veterinarians off their guard.

Dumb Rabies

And remember that rabies can be spread by any warm-blooded creature.

The dog will first be noted to

Send in news of your union.

AIRCRAFT UNION
HAS PROGRESS
IN VULTEE CO.Members' Up Angry
Reject Offer of
Hearst Paper

By An Aircraft Worker

DOWNEY, Los Angeles County—Here is the progress of the VulTEE Aircraft Co. Local 361 of the United Automobile Workers of America, CIO.

We are over 90 per cent organized. We have a signed contract for a 40-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, double time for holidays, and seniority rights.

We have had two small raises, of five cents per hour each. One of them we got before we were organized, and one since. Wages are yet to be negotiated. We expect to have a closed shop immediately.

Scab Turned Down

RECENTLY a machinist applied here for a job, but he was turned down by our chief steward because he had scabbed all during the Douglas Aircraft Co. strike. The VulTEE Co. here then refused to hire him.

At the regular meeting of the VulTEE Aircraft Local 361, UAW, the Los Angeles Examiner (Hearst) offered "to print without distortion" all of the news of the Local. This offer was angrily refused by the membership unanimously, many workers taking the floor to point out Hearst's anti-labor policy, that he is trying to regain lost circulation, that he is Labor's worst enemy, etc.

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W.R. Hearst Evaded 5 Millions in Taxes

USES HOLDING COMPANIES TO AVOID PAYING

Other Millionaires' Evasions Shown At Inquiry

WASHINGTON, D. C.—William Randolph Hearst, by manipulation of his personal income through personal holding companies, evaded the payment of more than five million dollars in income taxes.

Hearst's evasions along with those of other American millionaires was disclosed by O. John Rogge, acting counsel to the treasury department, to the Congressional Tax Inquiry Committee.

"Hierarchy"

Rogge termed the Hearst manipulations as the "hierarchy of corporate structure," revealing that Hearst is the principal stockholder of American Newspapers, Inc. For the years 1934 and 1935 he received 85 per cent of the dividends paid by the company, formerly known as the Star Holding Company. Rogge disclosed that in a statement filed last March with the Securities and Exchange Commission "it is stated that Mr. Hearst holds individually 95.71 per cent of the voting power of American

Batista Fears to Release Prisoners

By PEDRO LEYVA
Federated Press

Talk of amnesty for the multitude of political prisoners who crowd the jails of the island since Col. Fulgencio Batista began his ascendancy fills the halls of the Cuban Congress these days.

But there is a good and sufficient reason why amnesty probably will not be forthcoming to many high-minded Cubans who have spent their lives in the service of labor and of their country.

who have been mutilated and tortured in his dungeons.

Popular Issue

Amnesty has been an increasingly popular issue for two years. It has come up under the government of ex-President Gomez as well of the incumbent, Laredo Brull, puppet of Batista. Both times pressure exerted by the army has prevented the granting of a full amnesty. In September, 1936, however, those who were released were genuine political prisoners.

The present amnesty proposal would extend only to a small number who can be so classified, while throngs of criminals would be turned loose on society. The tyrant Gerardo Machado, bloodiest dictator ever to rule in the western hemisphere, and his henchmen, would be cleared of all charges pending against them, while some of Cuba's most public-minded citizens continue their living death.

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Prepare Now for the Party Organization Conferences

By FRANK SPECTOR

OUTSTANDING among the decisions of the May Enlarged State Committee meeting was the holding of a series of organization conferences in California to review carefully our organizational experiences during the recent period and to take those necessary measures to improve our organizational practices, so as to allow for the broadest and fullest participation of the Party membership in the formulating of the decisions and the carrying out of the many tasks before us.

Large county organizations, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Alameda and San Diego will hold separate conferences. The smaller counties will hold two regional conferences—Northern Counties in San Francisco, Southern Counties in Fresno—both to be held on August 1st.

These conferences have three clearly defined objectives—to arrest membership fluctuation by stabilizing and improving the inner life of our units and branches; to raise to the highest possible degree the political understanding of our membership; to place the Western Worker in the most favorable position to become a mass organ.

The surest guarantee for carrying through these all-important objectives lies in the immediate undertaking of several tasks which, if given concentrated attention, will lay the groundwork for the success of the organizational conferences.

Mid-year Control Complete

The most energetic efforts should be exerted to complete the mid-year control of our membership not later than the end of July, keeping in mind that a 100 per cent control results in bringing back into the Party's life a large number of inactive members and helps to stabilize the dues payments. We registered some 3400 members the first of the year and recruited since that time some 1800 members. We should have in the Party over 5,000 members. Yet our dues payment remains at the low level of 3600 to 3700. During the control we have the opportunity of bringing back into active work large numbers of members who have not been attending the meetings regularly and who have lapsed in their dues payments. We can very easily with but little effort control a minimum of over 4,000 members by the end of July if every county, section, unit and branch takes seriously this important task.

Careful Attention to New Members

A careful survey should be made by each county organization of every new member recruited since the Browder-Ford Membership Drive. This survey should include a review of the activity of each new member, in what unit they are functioning, whether they are active in the units, whether they have dropped out or become inactive, and what steps are being taken that every single member recruited during this period will remain in the Party. In addition, "Get-Togethers" with the new members and leading Party people to learn how the new members react to our Party and its work, and what their proposals are to improve our unit life and methods of leadership, will go a long way in bringing the new members into activity. Speci-

OVERRIDE VETO OF ROOSEVELT ON FARM BILL

House Supports Plan To Continue Low Interest Rate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—by a vote of 260 to 97 the House of Representatives overrode the veto of President Roosevelt on the bill to continue low interest notes on farm loans for an additional two years.

The Senate has yet to act.

Roosevelt's veto message argued that the funds necessitated by the extension were not provided for in the new budget.

House action came after an hour's debate, and marked the second time that Representatives had overridden a presidential veto this session. Earlier they had joined the senate in overriding the veto on a measure extending the time in which World War veterans might convert term life insurance policies.

Thirteen California congressmen voted with the majority: Representatives Buck, Costello, Elliott, Izac, Lea, McGrath, McGroarty, Sheppard and Voorhis, Democrats, and Carter, Englebright, Gearhart and Welch, Republicans. Voting to uphold the veto were Colden, Dockweiler, Ford, Kramer, Democrats, and Havener, Progressive. Representative Byron Scott of Long Beach did not vote.

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TA CONTRACT UNDER FIRE OF HOUSE GROUP

Insist on Guarantee Of Low Rates to Consumers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressional opposition to a proposed contract between the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Arkansas Power and Light Company resulted in arrangements being made for a conference between David E. Lilienthal, TVA director and protesting members of the House, representing a half dozen states.

The contract would enable the Arkansas utility to buy "juice" at very low rates from the TVA, but contains no provision compelling the company to pass the reduction on to the consumers. The utility is dominated by Harvey C. Couch and is a subsidiary of the Morgan-controlled Electric Bond and Share Company.

Congressman John E. Rankin (D., Miss.), contends that if the contract goes into effect in its present form it will destroy the Federal power program.

Prefers Cancellation

"When we get Lilienthal and members of our group together," Rankin said, "we will be able to get this contract either modified to comply with the law or cancelled. I prefer the latter course."

"I want to see the power generated by the TVA delivered to the ultimate consumers at TVA yardstick rates."

Why Hitler Keeps Germany in Dark

German-Americans Answer Question Series

Through a letter printed in the San Francisco News, the German-American League for Culture gave its answers to a series of important questions concerning the Nazi government. The questions had been propounded by the new German Freedom Party, which is carrying on a fight against the Hitler regime.

The questions and answers follow:

G.—Why were the names of those who fell victims to the terrible action of June 3 unpublished?

A.—A general uprising might well have been the result if the names of all the murdered persons had been published. The "purge" was ostensibly to rid the National Socialist Party of undesirable elements, but the occasion was utilized to brutally suppress the opposition outside the party and among the hundreds who were assassinated were persons universally respected and admired throughout Germany.

Aid to Franco

Q.—Why is it known by the entire world, except the German nation, that the Hitler government assists the Rebel General Franco?"

A.—The peace-loving German people bear the burden of the cost of the pomp indulged in by the Nazi Government leaders, just as they bear the terrific cost of re-armament.

Q.—Why are foodstuffs scarce, including those produced in Germany?"

A.—Because the great bulk of the produce is diverted to the building of the military machine.

Q.—Why are prices higher and wages not?"

A.—Prices are higher due to increased taxation to support re-armament, but wages will never increase except through the organized effort of the laboring class, and in Germany today to organize and to strike is treason.

—Wolfgang Heins, German-American League for Culture.

Q.—Why does the government keep secret how many airplanes, tanks, guns, machine guns and "volunteers" have been sent to Spain?"

A.—The German people are going without butter and other necessities of life for what they are told is defense preparation; they would rise against their betrayers if they knew the money and supplies were being used for offense.

Q.—What is the purpose of re-armament dominating our entire economic and civil life? Who threatens us?"

Not Threatened

A.—No one threatens the German nation. The re-armament program serves two purposes: economically, it reduces the unemployment figure, thus giving the people a false sense of recovery, even though the total wages paid are no greater, and psychologically, it tends to hold the people together through a year of some unknown common

First week—Discussion of the call of the conference by all section and unit executive committees.

Second week—Discussion in all branches and units of the control tasks set forth by the state committee, connecting same with the unit's own problems.

The comrades in preparations for these discussions should be requested to read carefully the article by Comrade Foster in the July Communist "Political Leadership and Party Building."

Third week—Election of Delegates to the Organization Conference and working out of proposals for the conference. In this connection it will be well for other counties to follow San Francisco's example—where all branches and units will hold during this week their semi-annual elections of officers. The elected officers will automatically become the delegates to the conference thus assuring that the newly elected unit leadership will have the benefit of actual participation in the decisions of the conference.

Forward to real intensive preparation for the organization conference! For July and August the goals of the entire California Party should be:

Stop our Membership Fluctuation!

100 per cent control of Party members!

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Vandeleur's Co. Union in Oakland

Reasons Why Canner Union Went to CIO

By a Cannery Worker

OAKLAND—Progressive unionism recently saw in the Vandeleur-Real-Spooner-Canner's League sellout that it was of no further use to expect any further aid from the AFL, so the membership of Cannery Workers Union Local 20,099, voted 1000 to 10 to affiliate with the CIO.

This progressive, rank and file union has never violated any rule or precept of the AFL, so it has only been trying to carry out the principles of trade unionism in organizing the workers in this badly underpaid craft.

Vandeleur's Dual Union

However, Edward Vandeleur, in connivance with the California Growers and Processors, Inc., organized a dual union which has been recently chartered here in Alameda County.

This action of organizing a dual AFL "union" where there was already a large chartered group, shows the sellout tactics of the reactionaries in the labor movement, and shows the AFL bureaucrats in their true light.

Officers of the new Alameda County "union," No. 20905, are headed as president by Frank Shoemaker, who is the son of the assistant superintendent at the United Packing Corp. He has been recently cited in a number of cases before the National Labor Relations Board, for the firing of men and women for union activity. This shows the kind of man he is.

Finks for Officials

Virgil Snider, the vice-president, has consistently slandered trade unions and the AFL. He has been trying to break the strike at the H. J. Heinz Corp. or the last five months. He refused to join the AFL on any other union, but now he has found a union that is rotten enough to suit him, so he has gotten himself installed as vice-president.

The effort to create a "Communist issue" in the steel strike is false," declared Browder. "There is no such issue. The Communists are wholeheartedly carrying out the policies of the CIO.

We have no differences. Like the CIO leaders, we Communists repudiate the use of violence, and brand Tom Girdler, his associates and stool pigeons as those who openly and secretly have thrown violence into this situation. The supreme example of violence, the Memorial Day massacre in Chicago, has been exposed to the whole world by the LaFollette Committee of the U. S. Senate, and aroused the indignation of the country against the economic royalists of steel.

Look at the moving picture of the Chicago massacre, and you have the answer to all these questions.

The Threat of the Girdlers

That is why Girdler and company are moving heaven and earth to suppress these pictures.

"The cry of 'Communism' in the newspapers is, however, not directed against our Party primarily. It is directed first of all against President Roosevelt, against Governor Earle and against the whole CIO movement for democracy in industry.

It is, therefore, unfortunate that Governor Earle, who has demonstrated his earnest desire to enforce the rights of collective bargaining, should be the victim of this war cry of reaction directed against himself and the President. We publicly declare to Governor Earle, what the CIO already well knows, that the Communists are ready to cooperate fully with all public and private agencies, without any reservations, for the establishment of the rights guaranteed the steel workers by the Wagner Law, and in general for the protection of our democratic institutions and traditions.

"There is no threat from the Communists, to this we state guarantees by our public statements and our daily work. There is a threat to public order and democracy from the Girdlers; they demonstrate daily by their contempt of law."

Testified Before Labor Board

Testimony like this from Pres. Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers of America's west side local, to which Richard T. Frankenstein, director of the union's Ford organization campaign, added a similar story of his own experience May 26, when Ford service men prevented distribution of union literature at the automobile plant, is in the records of labor board hearings here.

The account of the brutal beatings of 15 union men and women was corroborated by Dr. Raymond P. Sanford of Chicago, observer for the Conference for Protection of Civil Rights.

CIO AND AFL UNIONS FORCE UNITY, ARK.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—The 31st convention, Arkansas Federation of Labor, flatly rejected the demands of W. R. Williams, personal representative of Wm. Green, that the convention condemn the CIO. All speeches and motions to break up the Federation were discarded. CIO and AFL united in a vigorous organizing campaign which is netting results.

44-HOUR MAXIMUM

HARRISBURGH, Pa.—After next, it will be illegal for a majority of Pennsylvania employers to work employees more than 44 hours a week. All workers are excepted.

STEEL STRIKE FRAMEUP PLOT AGAINST UNION

Cops Trying to Pin Their Own Crimes On Strikers

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Under cover of the heavy publicity barrage which newspapers and news services controlled by big business have kept up for many days now to confuse public opinion and create misunderstanding about the aims of organized labor, new frameups are being plotted.

Strikers Held for Cops' Violence

The grand jury here indicted 200 strikers and union representatives in a new effort to tar the labor movement with violence which deputies, company thugs and state troops have systematically provoked during the steel strike.

Many of the charges are based on events of June 10, when a guarded truck crashed through picket lines, resulting in the injury of 14, and the Women's Day massacre of June 19, when police fired tear gas shells point-blank into a picket line of women and children.

When strikers rushed across the street to protect their women folk, deputies and police used it as a pretext to dash about the street for hours, gassing and shooting pickets wherever they found them. Two strikers were killed, and 27 persons were wounded.

Try to Frame Unionists

Now, if strikebreaking officials have their way, they will frame active unionists for the very crimes for which they themselves are responsible. Labor, mourning its dead, will have to put forth new efforts to safeguard its living.

Feeling is bitter against Gov. Martin L. Davey for ordering roads on strikebreaking duty.

Republic Flops on Reopening

Lee Pressman, counsel for the steel strikers, charges that "a state of brutal terrorism" prevails in Ohio. As Republic continued to announce daily that things are approaching normally, Field Director B. J. Damlich of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee said:

"The attempt to reopen Republic was a complete failure. When the public realizes only the foremen and bosses are in the plants, it will insist that the military be withdrawn."

Among those indicted are Bob Burke, John Stevenson and Joseph and Gerald Fagan. At nearby Warren a grand jury was formed to consider bombing charges against Gus Hall, another strike leader.

At Johnstown, Pa., Louis Pegg, 39-year-old striker and former trainmen's official, is under charges of conspiring to dynamite a Bethlehem freight train. Brotherhood officials charge an attempt to frame him.

Die Cast Workers Taken in CIO

WASHINGTON—The National Die Casting Workers League has been accepted for affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization, providing that if an industrial union including all metal workers should emerge from the present CIO organizing drives, this union will become a part of it.

Formerly an independent union, the League has organized plants in the commercial die casting field in New York, New Jersey and Ohio.

ILA 38-79'S VOTE FOR CIO, OTHER QUESTIONS ON BALLOT

SAN FRANCISCO—Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., Local 38-79, announced last week the complete results of the Pacific Coast District ILA ballot, taken in San Francisco, as follows:

C. I. O. Yes 2220 No 703
Refunding the District Assessment Yes 1949 No 742
Coastwise Standard Loads Yes 2052 No 842
Coastwise Penalties Rates Yes 2054 No 721
Proposition "A" Yes 1360 No 1055
Proposition "B" Yes 1255 No 1103

OFFICERS ELECTED

President, HARRY R. BRIDGES
Vice-President, GEORGE CLARK
Vice-President, ROY DONNELLY
Secretary-Treasurer, MATT MEEHAN
District Organizer, E. G. DIETRICH
District Organizer, WM. CRAFT
District Organizer, JOHN BROST
District Organizer, GEORGE MILLER

Business Agent Bob Says . . .

Maybe it's just a myth, but it's reported and it sounds reasonable. Two Teamster bureaucrats were talking about the insistence of the membership of the Filling Station Employees Union for signed agreements with their employers.

"Why, it's ridiculous," said one bureaucrat to the other. "We've got to stop them. Why, if we don't, the next thing you know, our members will be insisting that we get signed agreements!"

LETTER FROM BILL BAILEY, NOW IN SPAIN

West Coast Fireman Asks Brothers to Send Aid

By WM. BAILEY

SOMEWHERE IN SPAIN—More than 2000 American seamen are here in Spain helping the Spanish people in their fight against fascism.

Besides this large number of seamen, there are hundreds of workers from all parts of America, who are also ready to sacrifice their lives to put a halt to

the CIO stands for Communist International Organization, you and I stand for Americanism. All they want is to disrupt labor and cause revolution."

And further: "You men ought to have billy clubs handy while you work, and don't hesitate to use them. You women might be able to do some good with a knife. Nobody will care if you do."

"If you catch anyone in your ranks talking CIO, go to town with them."

An Appeal to Murder

This appeal to murder made by an official of the California State Federation of Labor in an attempt to turn the agricultural and cannery workers away from the CIO to which thousands of these workers have voted to join, is first of all an act in violation of the fundamental rights of American workers to freedom of speech and opinion and, second, a resort to lynch law, carrying vigilance into the workshop under the protection of the AFL.

In order to arouse the emotions of his audience and of the public who read his statement, Mr. McManus has deliberately distorted the origin, organization and accomplishments of the Committee for Industrial Organization, which is an economic organization in no way connected with other countries.

CIO Union in San Jose

There are cannery workers living in San Jose who, if they were to carry out the suggestion of Mr. McManus, would go home and murder their brothers who might belong to the CIO union in the American Can Co. in San Jose, a branch of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

While Mr. McManus attacks the CIO, he may wear clothes

of the CIO's United Auto Workers Union, and it is quite possible the gasoline used in the auto was produced by members of the CIO Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers Union.

The tires on that car were manufactured by members of the United Rubber Workers Union and its steel by the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, CIO workers.

If Mr. McManus uses coal in winter, it is mined by some of the half million members of the United Mine Workers, the largest industrial union in the U. S. and parent of the CIO.

The light and gas sold by the Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. is made by CIO members of the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union, and so it goes.

Gompers Local Now CIO

Within a short time, some 800,000 government employees will be in line to have their necks broken by the "100 per cent Americans" whom Mr. McManus is initiating into the democratic principles of the AFL.

And among these federal employees will be the son of old Sam Gompers, veteran president of the AFL for so many years.

And Gompers' own Cigar Makers Union local in New York City has just voted to join the CIO.

Workers are entitled to know these facts and also to understand

AFL OFFICIAL ADVISED ANTI-CIO VIOLENCE

Mc Manus in Appeal To Murder in San Jose

(Press Release from Steel Workers Organizing Committee, California Headquarters, 409 de Young Bldg., San Francisco.)

SAN JOSE—In a statement appearing in the San Jose Mercury-Herald June 30 and made to members of Cannery Workers Union 20852 in San Jose June 29, at which time officers of "this union," which was organized to replace Cannery Workers Union 20325, were installed, Joseph McManus, member of the Teamsters Union of San Francisco and vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor, took occasion to misrepresent the aims and purposes of the Committee for Industrial Organization and to advise members of this "union" to use force and violence against anyone advocating the form of organization represented by the CIO.

Incited to Violence

Among other things, Mr. McManus said: "My advice to you is, if you find anyone in your midst talking CIO, break their necks."

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AFL Reactionaries Beat Him



CANNERY UNION STRIKE GETTING SOLID SUPPORT

Richmond Judge Like Hitler in Treating Framed Striker

RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Having voted to continue the strike at Felice & Perrelli Cannery here, the CIO Cannery Workers Union has a negotiating committee working out a set of demands to present to the cannery.

In a recent strike bulletin, the union outlined the situation, as follows:

Support Given Strikers

... Marcelia Ryan, CIO organizer of Cannery Workers, and Brother Stevens, president of the Mine, Mill and Smelters, pledged the support of their unions to the winning of the strike.

RELIEF:

The relief is coming in very good and the relief committee is visiting unions for funds and pickets. Our soup kitchen is going full force and every one is being fed. Today we had chicken, thanks to a sympathizer who donated us five.

DEFENSE:

"Judge O'Dell wishes Alf Landon had been elected instead of Roosevelt. According to him, President Roosevelt is crippled between the ears. Remember O'Dell belonged to the Sunflower Brigade when Roosevelt defeated the Hearst candidate by about 5 to 1 in the last election. He probably was impressed by Landon's slogan to 'protect the right of workers to belong to any organization of their own choosing without interference from any source.' We sure were wise when we said that Alf meant by that—company unions would be allowed to continue their intimidating tactics and progress under the sunflower